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1. During the first two weeks of February 1947 the Communists in Sao Paulo have been increasingly active in fostering strikes and labor disturbances. The following strikes were reported:
 - a. Municipal employees in Santos, led by Domingos Soares da Cruz and Odette Ribeiro de Barros, both clerks in the city hall and militant Communists;
 - b. The Atlas elevator factory, led by Communists Deusdedit Martins, Eugenio Barres, Rodesto de Lucca, Angelo Rodrigues dos Santos and Osvoldo Luciano;
 - c. The State Insurance Institute, instigated by Communists Waldemar Braga Oliveira, Milton Soares Neiva and Francisco Brandao;
 - d. Lanificio Anglo-Brasileiro S.A., instigators not yet identified.
2. A slow-down of work causing a substantial drop in production which may lead to a complete stoppage was instigated at the Goodyear factory by Lourival Costa Vilar, Communist leader and candidate for the state legislature.
3. Party leaders are contemplating a railroad strike if the workers of the Sao Paulo-Goiias Railway, who have been out for almost two months, do not obtain satisfaction from the company.
4. Rio Branco Paranhos, Communist leader and candidate for the legislature, has been attempting to organize a strike of all transport workers in support of the taxi drivers. The latter were only partially successful in their attempted strike on February 13 in protest against the police campaign to make them observe legal rates and cease other abuses. However, it is not likely that Branco will be successful because of the limited Communist influence in the Transport Workers Syndicate.

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